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1. IN INFORMAL CHIEFS OF MISSION GREETING FOR FONMIN ANDREI
AND SENIOR MFA OFFICIALS AFTERNOON MAY 11, AMBASSADOR TALKED
AT SOME LENGHT WITH MINISTER-STATE SECRETARY ILIE RADULESCU
AND DEPUTY FONMIN GLIGA.

2. RE MFA DIVISION OF LABOR, BOTH CONVEYED CLEAR IMPRESSION
THERE WILL BE CHANGES IN RESPONSIBILITIES OF DEPUTY FOREIGN
MINISTERS. FONMIN ANDREI HAS SCHEDULED A MEETING OF SENIOR
OFFICIALS AFTER RETURN OF DEPUTY FOMIN PACOSTE FROM COSTA
RICAN PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION TO WORK OUT A DIFFERENT
DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITIES FOR OVERSIGHT OF NEW GEO-
GRAPHICAL AS WELL AS FUNCTIONAL BUREAUS (REFTEL). PRESENT
RESPONSIBILITIES WILL CONTINUE UNTIL JUNE 1, HOWEVER.

3. IN FIRST EXTENDED CONVERSATION WE HAVE HAD WITH HIM,
RADULESCU WAS EXTREMELY WARM AND CORDIAL AND SPOKE AT
LENGTH WITH AMBASSADOR, TO POINT OF MILD CHAGRIN ON PART
OF OTHER CHIEFS OF MISSION WHO WANTED TO MEET HIM. HE
SPOKE HIGHLY OF CEAUSESCU VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND ADDED
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THAT HE HAD "MANDATE" TO INSURE THAT OUR BILATERAL
RELATIONS REMAIN "DYNAMIC." NEW GEOGRAPHIC DIRECTORATES
WILL HAVE ENHANCED RESPONSIBILITIES AND MOST ARE HEADED
BY FORMER AMBASSADORS; BOGDAN WAS CHOSEN TO HEAD WESTERN
HEMISPHERE DIRECTORATE BECAUSE HE IS INTIMATELY FAMILIAR
WITH UNITED STATES.

4. RADULESCU ALSO HINTED THAT HE MAY BECOME THE SENIOR OFFICIAL OVERSEEING U.S. AFFAIRS. AMBASSADOR SAID HE LOOKED FORWARD TO CALLING ON AND WORKING WITH HIM. RADULESCU CONCLUDED BY URGING BOTH SIDES TO THINK OF WAYS TO STRENGTHEN RELATIONS BETWEEN MFA AND U.S. EMBASSY EVEN MORE.

5. AMBASSADOR ALSO TOOK OCCASION TO THANK DOBROIU FOR HIS COOPERATION OVER THE YEARS IN U.S.-ROMANIA RELATIONS. HE SEEMED GENUINELY TOUCHED, AND COMMENTED THAT ONE OF THE THINGS HE MOST ENJOYED WAS WORKING WITH DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS IN NEGOTIATING JOINT DECLARATION FROM RECENT CEAUSESCU VISIT.

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